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Dear Ned,

You seem to have fixed on McCloy because you could walk to him.

That is not a good enough reason. He may be the best choice, but let us think it through. I can give you reasons for and against Boggs and Cooper, for example, with very little thought. So, I suggest that we

a) think about it
b) at the right time, so we can take first things first, talk about it.

Boggs has reason for going after Hoover. But he is also more likely to be suspect because of that flap.

Ford is an impossible.

Warren is incommunicado, unless we could reason a friend he trusts, and that effort some years ago was frightfully costly to us. We got a royal hosing from the two lawyers involved.

So there are only these three.

I am not saying McCloy may not be the best, especially because the years are creeping up on him.

But we should be thinking. And because there is time and because the word of the book may get out or may be already, I think we should avoid discussing it on the phone unless it is necessary. Let us not subject people to needless pressure, which can be a consequence if there is eavesdropping.

I've made notes of your two questions.

O do hope you are keeping a list of such things as you may come to them, even is they are not significant. I don't want minor errors, either. And there is so much in my mind I sometimes confabulate, not realizing what I think on paper isn't.

Best,